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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
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Inventors: Yu *et al.*  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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2. A photocopy of references Warzocha *et al.*, Marsters *et al.*, and Miller and Marx;  
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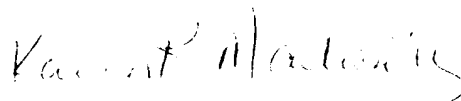
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Respectfully submitted,

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